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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS III CORPS AND FORT HOOD
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Hazardous Substance Management System (HSMS)

1. It is Army policy to control and minimize the use of hazardous materials (HAZMAT). This is a critical element of the Army Pollution Prevention Program and is of utmost importance in reducing unnecessary costs and in protecting the environment. The Army Pollution Prevention Program also supports Executive Order 12856 which commits the Federal Government to publicly report toxic wastes and emissions, and to reduce toxic releases by at least 50 percent by 1999.
2. Fort Hood has obtained the technical services of Dynamac Corporation (Dynamac) for evaluating the feasibility, as well as the costs and benefits of implementing the HSMS, an automated information system designed to facilitate the "cradle-to-grave" tracking of hazardous materials and hazardous waste. The U.S. Army is fielding HSMS throughout the military services under the auspices of the Defense Environmental Security Corporate Information Management, Program Management Office (DESCIM-PMO). The Army recently selected HSMS as its standard system for installations to use in managing their HAZMAT and hazardous wastes, is presently fielding HSMS at 5 Army sites, and will soon be implementing the system at 16 additional Army sites worldwide.
3. The objective of Dynamac's technical support services is threefold:
 - a. Document existing hazardous materials and waste management practices at Fort Hood;
 - b. Evaluate and recommend options to improve existing HAZMAT and hazardous waste practices;
and
 - c. Assess the technical feasibility, as well as the costs and benefits of implementing the recommended options.

The tasks associated with this effort are exhaustive and far-reaching. All Fort Hood organizations and activities must cooperate to accomplish the tasks in the timeframe allotted. In light of that, the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Programs, will be forming a Working Group comprised of staff members from DPW, DOL, G4, 1st Cavalry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 13th Corps Support Command, G1 Safety, and others. Members of the Working Group will work

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closely with Dynamac to facilitate their efforts and to provide the cross-functional guidance required in the evaluation of the options that will be the result of the Dynamac work assignment.

4. The work under this technical services contract commenced on 9 July 1996. Over the next few months, the Working Group will establish the criteria, goals, and performance measures to be used for the evaluation of options to be presented by Dynamac. The Working Group members will be gathering the necessary operational and functional data from your organizations to support this effort. An executive overview of the HSMS concept will be briefed at the next Environmental Quality Control Council.

5. Your participation and support in this endeavor is critical to Fort Hood's efforts in complying with the requirements of Executive Order 12856 and its status as a good neighbor to the surrounding communities and the State of Texas.

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